



ARC-OVER

Turlock Amateur Radio Club (T.A.R.C.)



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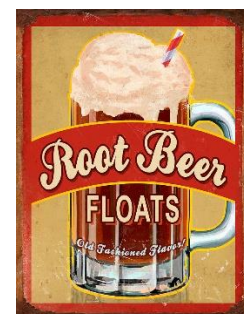
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August 2025

The next general club meeting is Tuesday August 12, 2025, at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA 95380. There will be an amateur radio license testing session starting at 6:00 pm. Doors will open at 7:00 pm or as soon as the testing session is over. Meeting will begin at 7:00 pm or a few minutes past 7:00 pm.





From the desk of the V.P. and ARC-Over editor:
Lucian KF6NPG

Welcome to the August edition of the ARC-OVER. This month we will be enjoying Root Beer Floats at the meeting. With the recent hot weather, they will be a refreshing treat. We will have a final report on Field Day and we will see how many contacts we made as a club. This was our first club field day in many years and there were lots of new hams and some made their very first HF contacts. Lots of amateur radio discussions at the various stations.

We want to thank all of those who helped organize this great event, especially TJ KO6HFA and his family for hosting the club at his beautiful property in Bootjack, CA and Kevin KO6HZC for wonderful meals.

Lots of activities are going on in the club and surrounding area regarding amateur radio. Please take a look at all of the attached flyers. There is something for everyone. If you have anything to submit to the ARC-OVER, please let me know at kf6npg@aol.com.

For the latest information on amateur radio activities follow the club on discord, face book, club website, and read the ARC-OVER.

Remember September is National Emergency Preparedness Month. Check out the READY.GOV web site for more information <https://www.ready.gov>. I look forward to seeing everyone at the club meeting.



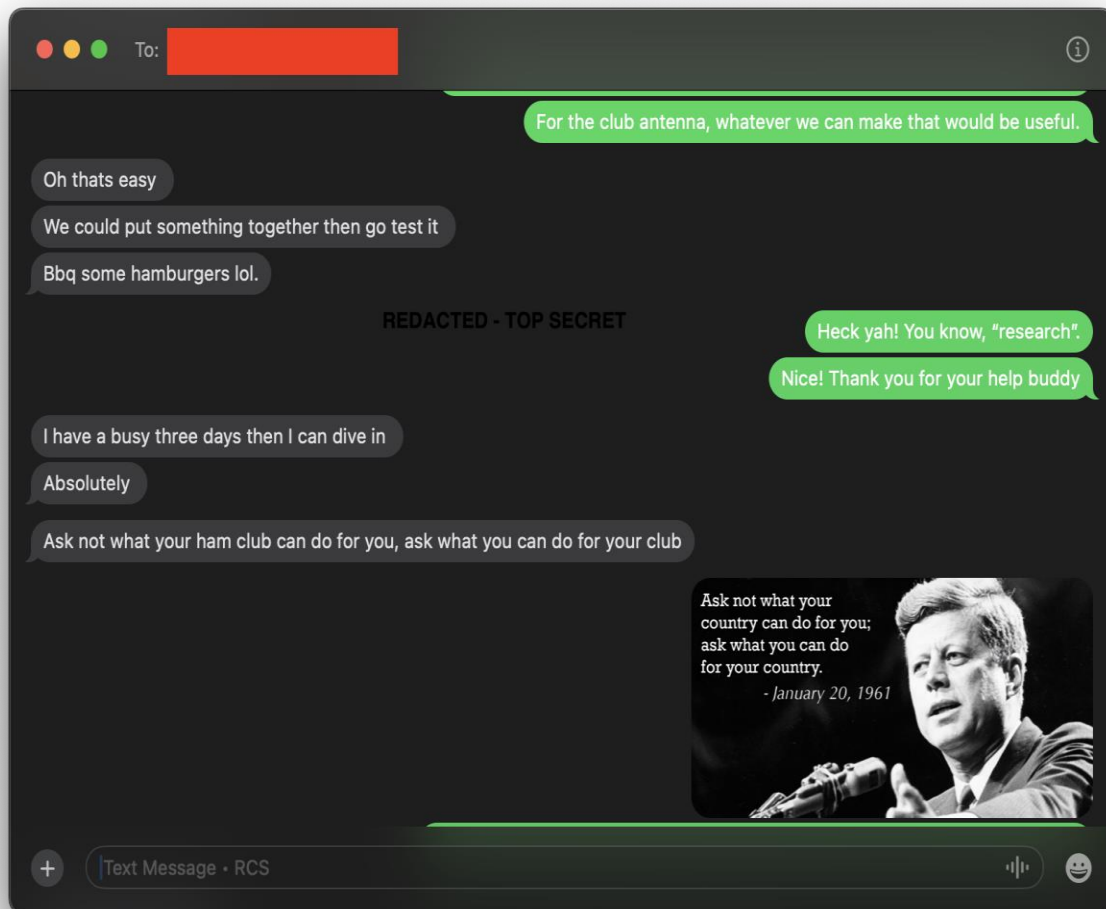
Arc-Over "Message from the President" Article - August, 2025

We're Sitting On A Gold Mine!

I think it's fair to say that I had no idea what I was getting myself into when I became the president of TARC. I really underestimated the work involved in motivating others and getting positive momentum going. To be fair, I'm one of those people who never just "do it" if there's an opportunity to "OVER-do it" - I'm a perfectionist and an overachiever. "Great qualities", I keep telling my wife... 😊

So along the course of this year I've been blessed to find a bunch of really great people who have quietly stepped up to contribute time, energy, and in some cases financial support to make TARC even better.

Recently, I decided it was time to add at least one good antenna to TARC's lending program so I reached out to a club member who's always been willing to help:



This kind of “let’s jump in and get this going” attitude is **everything**. And though I’m sure he was joking a little with his borrowed quote, having known him for a while I can say that’s how he’s always been when it comes to the club.

A few months ago when I needed help with my roll-up J pole antenna build I thought of a different member who seemed like a good guy so I cold-called him the day before the antenna build and asked if he’d run a station to help participants solder components together. He said “sure, I can do that”. And he showed up with a smile, and he helped a bunch of club members have a great experience. **Awesome!**

When you think about it, we’re sitting on a gold mine of expertise and good will in our membership. What is it that you could do to build the club? Maybe pick up ice cream, put it in a cooler, and bring it to Root Beer Float day? Maybe serve on a club committee and give your expertise and suggestions? Maybe give an informal talk on how repeaters work, or what in the world a decibel actually is? (I’m serious - I’m still trying to figure that out) Or maybe something more low-key like helping a new ham one-on-one put up an antenna?

We have all kinds of need and **every helping hand builds the club!**

And a heartfelt **thank you to all of you who have helped out this year** - be it big or small. I remember each of these gestures of goodwill and I’m very grateful!

What we have in TARC is truly awesome, and I’m very proud to be associated with it. I’m humbled by the knowledge and experience of our membership. Please look for your own small way to help us build what we have. And thank you for being part of “The Valley’s Radio Club”!

Eric (K7RKU)

President, Turlock Amateur Radio Club



**Meeting of the Turlock Amateur Radio Club
July 8, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.
Regular Club Meeting
POT LUCK NIGHT
Salvation Army Facility, 893 Lander Ave, Turlock**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Eric McMillan with 28 members and guests in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance,

Introductions,

Secretary's Report: Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes motion by Jeff and seconded by Kevin.

Officer Reports:

President Eric reported that he was a "little topsy today", exhausted from last weekends Field Day activities (meaning it was a lot of work, but worth it). He discussed the T-shirts, the stickers available, and that Les had donated a 220 transceiver to the club. It was announced that tonight's raffle prize would be an Anytone dual bander radio.

Vice President Lucian discussed the pictures and articles in the ArcOver concerning Field Day, the ARRL letter and the Turlock Journal article as well. Testing was scheduled for next month.

Spencer was late in arrival (don't call me late for dinner!) But made it safely and we were glad to see him.

Merced ARES Dave reported to still be under the weather and MIA save that Merced ARES would be holding its meeting via Zoom and either an email would be coming from Dave or one could see information for the link on the ArcOver.

Treasurer - Lena reported on the current balances and collected dues. Currently at \$3732.28 and more detailed information was set forth in the ArcOver.

Sergeant at Arms - Jerry Nothing to report.

Member at Large - John MIA

Member at Large - Bambi Nothing to report.

Other Reports:

Raffle only

Standing Committees:

A brief discussion occurred concerning Field Day at TJ's in Mariposa County, and that the site had been great.

Old Business:

Spencer was still working on the platform for nonprofit organizations regarding billing/payments and record keeping.

New Business:

None

Presentation about Field Day this year was to occur after dinner, **lets eat!!**

Meeting Adjourned: by Motion by Jeff seconded by Ed & Jerry simultaneously and Motion carried.

Walter Schmidt, Secretary



TARC Discord Server

Turlock Amateur Radio Club

Income Expenses

July 31, 2025

Beginning Bank Balance as of Bank Statement 06/30/2025		\$ 6,337.51
42 721	Raffle	200.00
47 210	Membership Dues	25.00
47 500	Stickers	35.00
47 301	Donations - Field Day	665.00
46 750	T-Shirt Sales, Stickers, etc via Square	502.76
Total Income		<u>\$ 1,427.76</u>
62 890	Utilities - PG&G	(188.14)
47 330	pot-A-Potty Rental - Field Day	(200.00)
47 320	Food Purchase - Field Day	(350.00)
Total Expenses		<u>\$ (738.14)</u>
Ending Banks Balance 07/31/2025		<u>\$ 7,027.13</u>



<https://www.ready.gov>



Amateur Radio Operators, or “hams,” have a long history of serving their communities when storms or other disasters damage critical communication infrastructure, such as cell phone towers and fiber optic networks. Amateur radio functions completely independent of the internet and phone systems, and a ham radio station can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. Amateurs can quickly raise a wire antenna in a tree or on a mast, connect it to a radio and power source, and communicate effectively with others.

The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® ARES® (www.arrl.org/ares) consists of hams who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment with their local ARES leadership for communications duty in the public service when disaster strikes. They use their training, skills, and equipment to prepare for and provide communications during emergencies When All Else Fails®. (Courtesy of the ARRL (Amateur Radio Relay League).

If you are interested in emergency communications and serving the community, please consider joining Merced ARES. They have a weekly radio net on Mondays on the TARC repeater at 7:00 pm. **Meetings are held monthly on the third Wednesday at 6:00 pm and will be held over ZOOM. ARES members look for an e-mail from Dave KG6NUO. If you are not on his e mail list, please email Dave to get on the list for the meetings at dave.anderson@arrl.net .** For more information, please contact the Merced ARES Emergency Coordinator, Dave KG6NUO.



ARRL Field Day 2025 Saw Growth in Participants and Entries

The numbers are in and showing growth. [2025 ARRL Field Day](#) showed an increase in both participants and entries, compared to 2024. According to ARRL Contest Program Manager Paul Bourque, N1SFE, 4,369 entries detailed 31,785 people taking part in the event. That's up from last year.



Members of Rockford Amateur Radio Association (RaRa) operating during 2025 ARRL Field Day

“There’s a growing interest in ham radio, especially after last year’s hurricane season and other high-profile situations in which radio has been essential,” noted Bourque. “ARRL Field Day serves as a great chance to get engaged with your local amateur radio community.”

The uptick in numbers may not be complete, as there’s still an opportunity for a few more entries to be added. “Occasionally, a club will need to update their entry. We work with them to make sure it is correct,” said Bourque.

Field Day participants should check that all the required supporting documentation related to their entries has been received by checking the Entries Received web page at field-day.arrl.org/fdentriescvd.php. If the status of your entry is listed as Pending Documents, one or more of the required documents still needs to be submitted to complete your entry. Entrants may use the link provided in the confirmation email they received to upload additional documents or to modify their entries. Currently, 223 entries are listed as being incomplete. Updates to existing entries will be accepted until August 29, 2025. If you're having difficulty completing your Field Day entry or have any questions, contact fieldday@arrl.org.

On the public outreach front, final measurement numbers of the media coverage earned by amateur radio public information volunteers have been tallied. ARRL Public Relations and Outreach Manager Sierra Harrop, W5DX, reports that the total ad value equivalence (AVE) of 2025 ARRL Field Day is \$37.9 million. "We had a tremendous response from clubs and ARRL public information volunteers this year on the heels of Ham Radio Open House into ARRL Field Day," she said. "The ARRL Public Relations Committee prepared resources to help the volunteers succeed, but they really took it to the next level in communities across the country."

AVE measures the amount of money that would have to be spent to buy ads in media and social media to replace the news coverage volunteers secured with press outreach. The \$37.9M figure measures only mentions of ARRL Field Day from January 1 – July 31 of each year. In 2024, the figure was \$20M, and \$18M in 2023. Harrop hopes to see further strengthening of public information volunteers leading into 2026, which ARRL has designated as the Year of the Club. Hams seeking to serve as an [ARRL public information volunteer](#) may express interest to their ARRL Section Manager.

The overall growth is encouraging to ARRL. "I'm very pleased with the amount of active ARRL Field Day participants this year. It's nice to see more and more people participating!" said Bourque.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The club will sponsor 5 amateur radio license test sessions in 2025.

February 11, 2025, April 8, 2025, June 10, 2025, August 12, 2025, and October 14, 2025.

August

Tuesday 12th. Club meeting is at 7:00 pm, doors will open at 7:00 pm, as there will be a ham testing session at 6:00pm. Meeting place as usual at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. Root Beer Floats and a presentation on TARC Field Day follow up.

Saturday 16th Fox hunt at 9:00 am to Noon. Meet at Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave, Turlock, CA. For more information refer to attached flyer.

Wednesday 20th Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm. The meetings will be held over google mets. ARES members look for an e-mail from Dave KG6NUO. If you are not on his e mail list, please email him to get on the list for the meeting at dave.anderson@arrrl.net .

September

Saturday 6th 3rd Annual StanJoaquin swap meet and BBQ 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Ripon Grange Hall 827 Ripona Ave. Ripon, CA. For more information refer to attached flyer.

Tuesday 9th. Club meeting will start at 7:00 pm and the doors will open at 6:30 pm. Meeting place as usual at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. Presentation by Ken KF6IDK on Anderson power poles.

Wednesday 17th Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm. The meetings will be held over google meets. ARES members look for an e-mail from Dave KG6NUO. If you are not on his e mail list, please email him to get on the list for the meeting at dave.anderson@arrrl.net .

Saturday 20th Stanislaus County Office of Emergency Services Preparedness Day. Enslin Park Modesto, CA 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. For more information refer to the attached flyer.

October

Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10th to 12th 2025 Pacificon. San Ramon Marriott 2600 Bishop Drive San Ramon, CA. Refer to attached flyer for more information.

Tuesday 14th. Club meeting is at 7:00 pm, doors will open at 7:00 pm, as there will be a ham testing session at 6:00pm. Meeting place as usual at the Salvation Army 893 Lander Ave. Turlock, CA. Antenna build coordinated by Tim W16NG and Eric K7RKU

Wednesday 15th Merced ARES meeting 6:00 pm. The meetings will be held over google meets. ARES members look for an e-mail from Dave KG6NUO. If you are not on his e mail list, please email him to get on the list for the meeting at dave.anderson@arrl.net .



AUGUST
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NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Minimal walking necessary

Grab your 2m handheld

Own a compass? Bring it along

An old paper map is useful for plotting

If you have a fox finder antenna, bring it!

Join up with a partner, double the fun!



What is it?

A *fun* contest using direction finding techniques to locate a hidden transmitter. Designed to promote camaraderie while learning signal locating.
-Proudly sponsored by the **Turlock Amateur Radio Club**-

Where?

Meet up in the parking lot at the Salvation Army, 893 Lander Ave.

When?

Saturday, August 16, 9AM. The contest will start from there and end at 12 Noon.

Guidelines

A full set of instructions will be provided at the starting point. No fancy equipment is needed

More details to be provided at the regular club meeting on August 12th.

3rd ANNUAL STAN-JOAQUIN SWAP MEET

Presented By

Stanislaus Amateur Radio Association
Stockton-Delta Amateur Radio Club

Saturday, September 6, 2025 — 9am to 3pm

Ripon Grange Hall

827 Ripona Ave, Ripon, CA 95366



Free Admission

LUNCH \$7.00

Swap Meet Sale Space/Table: \$20.00 (includes one meal ticket)

Indoor/outdoor spaces available

Advanced Reservations Required To Reserve Sales Space

Sales Space Contact: Joyce K6QBB 209-400-5421

Questions/Info Contact: Joyce K6QBB 209-400-5421 Dick W8AAL 707-479-5548

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Preparedness Day!

September 20th | 10 AM - 2 PM

📍 Enslen Park Modesto, CA

Let's Get Ready!



72 hour kit guide!



Safety demonstrations!
Hands only CPR!
Stop the bleed!



Community resources!

Find out more at www.stanemergency.com



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PACIFICONSM 2025



All Day Friday
Antenna Seminar

Saturday Breakfast
with Gordon West

QRP activities return

Friday evening
MDARC Meeting



Latest
Ham Radio
Equipment for Sale

Ham License Testing

Get-On-The-Air
Special Events Station



ARRL PACIFIC DIVISION HAM RADIO CONVENTION

**Experience three great
days of activities at Pacificon!!**

Produced by the Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club

October 10, 11 & 12, 2025
San Ramon Marriott
2600 Bishop Drive
San Ramon, California 94583

**GENERAL ADMISSION:
\$35 IN ADVANCE - FOR ALL 3 DAYS!**

*Tickets at the door will cost \$45; 17 years old & under are free;
College Students with valid student ID (25 & under): \$5*

*** Some events have additional cost ***

If you need hotel accommodations
either reserve your room on-line through
www.pacificon.org, or call Marriott Hotel Reservations
at 925-867-9200, by Sept 17, 2025 (per availability)
to ask for the Special Pacificon rate of \$174/night

**Go to the Pacificon Website for
Events - Schedules - Registration
WWW.PACIFICON.ORG**

*** Events are subject to change – check website **
For current "Pacificon Rules and Policies" see website*



Outstanding
Technical Forums

Sunday
Swap Meet

Electronics
Kit Building

Scouts-On-The-Air &
Merit Badge Class



Gordon West's
Ham Instructor Academy

Saturday Banquet
with Keynote Speaker

One Day Technician
License Prep Class

T-Hunts!
Saturday & Sunday



TARC System Nets

- TARC Tuesday Night Club Net - Tuesdays 7 PM, except for the second Tuesday (club meeting night)
- Bacon and Eggs Net - Weekdays 7 AM
- Merced ARES Net – Mondays 7 PM
- San Joaquin Valley Section ARES Net – Sundays 7:30 PM

2025 Dues

You can now join or renew your membership for 2025. Your dues help with paying for the rent and maintenance of the TARC repeater system and club events. If you have not already done so, please consider joining or renewing your club membership. Thanks to everyone who has renewed, joined, or donated to the club. Please include a [membership application](#) to help keep our information up to date. Thanks!

- Individual Membership: \$25
- Family Membership: \$35

Are you receiving TARC emails? If not [head over to W6BXN.org](http://W6BXN.org) and subscribe.

2025 Club Officers

To protect TARC members' personal information, we will no longer post the list of members on the club website. For all club inquiries, including membership status, please send an email to info@w6bxn.org.

President Eric K7RKU

Vice President/ARC-OVER Editor Lucian KF6NPG

Secretary Walter KI6PB

Treasurer Lena KN6VOH

Sergeant at Arms Jerry KN6GJK

Member at Large John N6JCS

Member at Large Bambi KI6YQL

Club Trustee Spencer KJ6ART

